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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/764,536	Applicant(s) OHASHI ET AL.	
	Examiner Hung C. Le	Art Unit 3725	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 January 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 - 7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 - 7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 27 January 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1 – 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by McEldowney (5,755,134).

With respect to Claim 1:

Mc Eldowney discloses: A drawing method for forming a reflective curved surface by pressing a metal plate (12) fitted in a fixed die (80 & 86 combination) with a movable die (98 & 102 combination), wherein the metal plate (12) is pressed so as to have a compressed border portion (M; FIG. 3D) between a non-press portion (54) and a reflective curved surface pressed portion (See FIG. 3D).

With respect to Claim 2:

Mc Eldowney further discloses: "...Can end 10 has an end pane 12 of generally circular shape which includes a circumferentially..." (See Col. 4, Lines 34 – 37).

With respect to Claim 3:

Mc Eldowney further discloses: "In general, the can end 10 will be manufactured of a relatively ductile metal such as for example aluminum, but it may be made from other acceptable materials as required." (See Col. 4, Lines 37 – 40).

With respect to Claims 4 & 7:

McEldowney further discloses: " In FIG. 3D, the clearance is at a minimum value "M" proximate the top of the cone-shaped bubble and greater in value "G" distal the top of the cone-shaped bubble." (See Col. 6, Lines 50 – 53).

With respect to Claim 5:

McEldowney discloses: A drawing assembly for forming a reflective curved surface, said drawing die assembly comprising:

A fixed die (80 & 86 combination) and a movable die (98 & 102 combination) opposing each other, which are arranged to press a metal plate (12) fitted in the fixed die with the movable die; and

A compressing portion (M) for forming a compressed border portion of the metal plate between a non-pressed portion and a reflective curved surface pressed portion. (See FIG. 3D).

With respect to Claim 6:

Mc Eldowney further discloses:

The fixed die (80 & 86 combination) comprises a lower die (80) and a core (86);
and

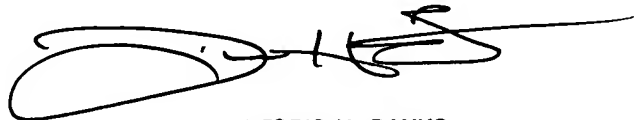
The movable die (98 & 102 combination) comprises an upper die (98) and a presser (102).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hung C. Le whose telephone number is 571-272-8757. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F: 08:00am - 05:30 pm.
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Derris Banks can be reached on 571-272-4419. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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